

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1, 3 and 7 and leaves claims 2, 4-6, 8 and 9 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1-9.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Berstis (U.S. Patent No. 6,212,327). This rejection is traversed for the following reasons. Applicants submit that the features of the present invention as now recited in claims 1-9 are not taught or suggested by Berstis whether taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Amendments were made to claims 1-9 so as to more clearly describe features of the present invention. Particularly, amendments were made to the claims so as to more clearly recite that the present invention is directed to an automatic broadcast program recorder having, for example, means for storing key words preliminarily designated by the user, means for collecting program information related to the broadcast programs and control means for automatically selecting a program to be recorded by checking the program information with the key words and storing video data of the program to be recorded into a video recording file by controlling a receiver.

According to the present invention the key words storing means, for example, as illustrated in Fig. 3 stores each key word 62 so as to be associated with reservation identifier 61. Further, according to the present invention the control means stores, for example, as illustrated in Fig. 5, the program information 82-84 of the selected program to be recorded in association with the reservation identifier 81

and controls, for example, as illustrated in Fig. 8, the video data 92 stored in the video recording file of the selected program in association with the reservation identifier 91.

The above described features of the present invention now more clearly recited in the claims are not taught or suggested by any of the references of record whether taken individually or in combination with each other.

Berstis teaches a data processing system connected to and controlling an infra emitter so as to remotely control devices such as a video cassette recorder and the like. As taught by Berstis, a data processing system detects only one video program within a data stream in accordance with key data items and instructs the record/playback device to record a program associated with the key data items. The Examiner's attention is directed to col. 5, lines 1-8 and lines 17-37 of Berstis.

However, at no point is there any teaching or suggestion in Berstis of the storing of a key word so as to be associated with reservation identifier, and control means which stores the program information of the selected program to be recorded in association with the reservation identifier and controls each of the video data stored in the video recording file in association with the reservation identifier as in the present invention.

In the Office Action, the Examiner points to an alleged teaching in col. Line 19 through col. 5, line 8, Figs. 4b and c, col. 5, lines 18-65 and col. 4, lines 19-43 of Berstis as corresponding to the features of the present invention as recited in the claims. However, at no point is there any teaching or suggestion in any of the above noted passages of Berstis of the above features of the present invention particularly

with respect to the use of a reservation identifier which serves to link keywords, program information of selected programs to be recorded, and video data stored in a video recording file as in the present invention.

Thus, Berstis fails to teach or suggest key words storing means which stores each key word so as to be associated with a reservation identifier, and control means which stores the program information of the selected program to be recorded in association with the reservation identifier and controls the video data stored in the video recording file of the selected program in association with the reservation identifier as recited in the claims.

Therefore, based on the above, Applicants submit that the features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in the claims are not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Berstis. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC §102(e) rejection of the claims based on Berstis is respectfully requested.

The remaining references of record have been studied. Applicants submit that they do not supply any of the deficiencies noted above with respect to the reference utilized in the rejection of claims 1-9.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (520.37971X00).

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